REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-7, 8-23, 25-32 and 34-38 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 8, 16, 25, 34 and 37 being independent. Claims 1,8, 16, 25, 34 and 37 are amended. Claims 7, 24 and 33 are canceled. Support for claim amendments and additions can be found in the original disclosure at least at pages 6-9 and in canceled dependent claims 7, 24 and 33

Double Patenting Rejections

Claims 1-38 were provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-5, 16-21, 25, 27-29, 48 and 50-53 of copending Application No. 10/783,382. Because this is a provisional rejection, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be held in abeyance.

Claim Objections

Claims 9-15 are objected to because the preamble of claims 9-15 are directed to "a user interface selectable control" of claim 8. Claim 8 is directed to a "user interface." Applicant has amended claims 9-15. Applicant respectfully submits that the objections are now corrected and the objections should be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections under §103(a)

Claims 1, 2, 8-10, 16-19, 25-28 and 34-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Andy Rathbone, *Windows XP for Dummies®*, Wiley Publishing, Inc. (hereinafter, "Rathbone") in view of Ricart, *The Complete Idiot's Guide® to Linux*, Second Edition (hereinafter "Ricart") and in further view of Enin, *Batch Launcher 1.0*, February 10, 2003 release (hereinafter "Enin").

Claims 3-7, 11-15, 20-24 and 29-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Rathbone in view of Ricart, in further of Enin and in further view of Mac OS X 10.1, Visual Quickstart Guide, Peachpit Press, Copyright © 2002 (hereinafter "Langer").

Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections. Nevertheless, for the sole purpose of expediting allowance and without conceding the propriety of the Office's rejections, Applicant has amended the independent claims.

Independent claim 1, as amended, recites a user interface start page displayed on a display device of a computing device, the user interface start page configured to be displayed: (1) after a user has selected one of multiple selectable logon controls on a user interface logon page, each of the multiple selectable logon controls corresponding to a respective user of the computing device, and (2) before display of a desktop page corresponding to selections made by the user on the user interface start page, the user interface start page comprising:

- a desktop selection control configured to allow selection of one of a plurality of desktop environments associated with the user

corresponding to the selected selectable logon control from the user interface logon page, each of the plurality of desktop environments corresponding to a different user persona of the user corresponding to the selected selectable logon control, wherein the plurality of desktop environments comprises a work environment, a home environment, a weekend activities environment and a weekday activities environment;

- a selectable control configured to initiate that multiple applications start together and in response to a single user input; and

- selectable configurations each configured for a user selection to designate a multiple application start-up configuration, wherein the selectable configurations include at least one of (i) a configuration to designate a group of applications executing when a previous computing session was discontinued, (ii) a configuration to designate a group of applications often selected for use, (iii) a configuration to designate a group of applications recently selected for use, and (iv) a configuration to designate a group of applications most used by the user.

The Office argues that the subject matter of claim 1 is obvious over Rathbone in view of Ricart and in further view of Enin. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Nevertheless, without conceding the propriety of the rejection and in

the interests of expediting allowance of the application, independent claim 1 is

amended to recite that the user interface start page is configured to be displayed

> "(1) after a user has selected one of multiple selectable logon
> controls on a user interface logon page, each of the multiple
> selectable logon controls corresponding to a respective user of the
> computing device, and (2) before display of a desktop page
> corresponding to selections made by the user on the user interface
> start page."

Claim 1 further recites that the "plurality of desktop environments

comprises a work environment, a home environment, a weekend activities

environment and a weekday activities environment." Finally, claim 1 recites:

> "the selectable configurations include at least one of (i) a
> configuration to designate a group of applications executing when a
> previous computing session was discontinued, (ii) a configuration to
> designate a group of applications often selected for use, (iii) a
> configuration to designate a group of applications recently selected
> for use, and (iv) a configuration to designate a group of applications
> most used by the user."

Rathbone is directed to describing a logon process for Window XP.

Rathbone, however, does not teach an "user interface start page" and its associated

elements as set forth in claim 1.

Ricart, meanwhile, is directed toward working with Linux and specifically

"switching between desktops." In Ricart, a user can "switch between applications

and desktops" and "get a list of the current tasks organized by desktop." Ricart

does not teach "a selectable control configured to initiate that multiple applications

start together and in response to a single user input" or

"selectable configuration each configured for a user selection to designate a multiple application start-up configuration, wherein the selectable configurations include at least one of (i) a configuration to designate a group of applications executing when a previous computing session was discontinued, (ii) a configuration to designate a group of applications often selected for use, (iii) a configuration to designate a group of applications recently selected for use, and (iv) a configuration to designate a group of applications most used by the user."

Finally, Enin is directed to a "batch launcher" which can launch multiple applications. However, Enin also does not teach "a user interface start page" and the other elements described above with respect to Rathbone and Ricart.

Accordingly, independent claim 1 is believed to be allowable over Rathbone in view of Ricart in further view of Enin whether taken alone or in combination (assuming for the sake of argument that the documents can even be combined).

Dependent claims 2-6 depend from independent claim 1 and are allowable by virtue of their dependency from allowable claim 1`, as well as for the additional features that each recites.

Independent claim **8** is directed to, in part, "a user interface start page displayed on a display device of a computing device, the user interface start page configured to be displayed: (1) after a user has selected one of multiple selectable logon controls on a user interface logon page, each of the multiple selectable logon controls corresponding to a respective user of the computing device, and (2) before display of a desktop page corresponding to selections made by the user on the user interface start page." Applicant respectfully submits that this claim is allowable for at least reasons similar to those discussed above with respect to claim 1.

Dependent claims **9-15** depend from independent claim 8 and are allowable by virtue of their dependency from allowable claim 8, as well as for the additional features that each recites.

Independent claim **16**, is directed to, in part, a method of "displaying a user interface logon page" and "transitioning to a user interface start page" and is allowable for at least reasons similar to those discussed above with respect to claim 1.

Dependent claims **17-23** depend from independent claim 16 and are allowable by virtue of their dependency from allowable claim 16, as well as for the additional features that each recites.

Independent claim **25** is directed to, in part, "one or more computer readable storage media comprising computer executable instructions that…direct a computing system to display a user interface logon page…process a transition to a

user interface start page." Applicant respectfully submits that this claim is allowable for at least reasons similar to those discussed above with respect to claim 1.

Dependent claims 26-32 depend from independent claim 25 and are allowable by virtue of their dependency from allowable claim 25, as well as for the additional features that each recites.

Independent claim 34 is directed to, in part, a method for "displaying a user interface logon page" and "transitioning to a user interface start page" and is allowable for at least reasons similar to those discussed above with respect to claim 1.

Dependent claims 35 and 36 depend from independent claim 34 and are allowable by virtue of their dependency from allowable claim 34, as well as for the additional features that each recites.

Independent claim 37 is directed to, in part, "one or more computer readable storage media comprising computer executable instructions that…direct a computing system to display a user interface logon page…[and] transition to a user interface start page" and is allowable for at least reasons similar to those discussed above with respect to claim 1.

Dependent claim 38 depends from independent claim 37 and is allowable by virtue of its dependency from allowable claim 37, as well as for the additional features that each recites.

Conclusion

All of the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant requests a Notice of Allowability be issued forthwith. If the Office's next anticipated action is to be anything other than issuance of a Notice of Allowability, **Applicant respectfully requests a call to discuss any remaining issues**.

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